



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Date : February 12, 2003

Patrick Dana Simpson et al. Group Art Unit : 3652

Serial No. : 09/493,478 Examiner : F. Werner

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For : REMOVABLE LOAD BED FOR A VEHICLE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

**FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONDING
TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 13, 2002**

It respectfully is requested that the period for responding to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, now set to expire on January 13, 2003, be extended an additional one month, so as to expire on February 13, 2003, making a total response time of two months.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1540. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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